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Former NWT Premier Appointed to National Round Table of the Environment and the Economy - 2/16/2005

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Appointments to the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy were announced today by Prime Minister Paul Martin, and among the appointees is former Northwest Territories (NWT) Premier, Stephen Kakfwi.
Premier Joe Handley said he is pleased with the appointment of Mr. Kakfwi to this important panel, "Mr. Kakfwi's background and experience will be of benefit to this panel. He will be able to keep NWT interests front and centre in discussions related to energy and climate change," said Premier Handley, "It is important to have someone from the North represented on this panel."

The panel has been developed to provide advice and recommendations for the development of a long-term energy and climate change strategy in Canada. With the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, this panel will be instrumental in providing advice on Canada's involvement and commitment to the protocol.

Members from all areas of society, such as government, industry, labour; academia, environmental organizations and aboriginal groups have all been appointed to this board. Other panel members include Glen Murray, Elyse Allan, Alan F. Amey, Katherine M. Bergman, Richard Drouin, David Kerr, Manon Laporte, Audrey McLaughlin, Dee Parkinson-Marcoux, Darren Allen Riggs, Roberta Schad and Sheila Watt-Cloutier.

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BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS

Glen Murray, from Winnipeg, Manitoba, is Research Associate for the Centre for Urban and Community Studies and a Visiting Scholar & Urban Policy Coordinator at the University of Toronto. He is former Mayor of Winnipeg, best known for his vision to build culturally dynamic urban centres. His vision for a New Deal for Cities started with the formation of the C5 - a coalition of five Canadian cities. It was during that time that he became the first Chair of the Big City Mayors Caucus 2002. Mr. Murray is a member of the Task Force on Creativity and the

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Public Service for the Government of Canada. Between 1989 and 1992, he was a partner in Envirofit Inc. an innovative environmental consulting firm. He is a business partner in the consulting firm The Glen Murray Group which works with clients in public and private sector with Canada's art and culture community on urban strategies for Canadian cities.

Elyse Allan, from Toronto, Ontario, is President and Chief Executive Officer of GE Canada, a position she has held since October 2004. She began her career with General Electric in the 1980's where she worked in corporate affairs and with numerous GE businesses, such as energy, aircraft engines and plastics. Ms. Allan is currently Chair of the Board for Providence Healthcare and is actively involved as a member of the Public Policy Forum Board of Directors, the Board of Governors for the Canadian Council on Unity, as well as being a member of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives.

Allan F. Amey, from Calgary, Alberta, has led the establishment of Climate Change Central, a private-public partnership set up by the Government of Alberta in partnership with industry, institutions, the environmental community, municipalities, and individual Albertans to reduce or off-set greenhouse gas emissions. He has been its President and Chief Executive Officer since 2000. He is also former Vice-President, Technology Assessment with TransCanada Corporation. Mr. Amey obtained a Bachelor in Electrical Engineering from McGill University in 1971 and a Masters in the Management of Technology from the Sloan School of Business Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1994.

Katherine M. Bergman (P. Geo.), from Winnipeg, Manitoba, has been Dean of Science and Professor of Geology at the University of Regina in Saskatchewan since 2001. From 1992 to 1996, she served as Assistant Professor, Department of Geology, University of Regina. She holds a B.Sc., (Honours Biology) from the University of Waterloo, a M.Sc. Geology (Palaeontology) and a Ph.D. Geology (Sedimentology) from McMaster University. She was the recipient of NSERC scholarships at the graduate and post-doctoral levels. This is Dr. Bergman's second appointment to the NRTEE.

Richard Drouin, from Quebec, Québec, is Chairman of the Board of Abitibi Consolidated (pulp and paper) and Stelco (metallurgy). He is also Chairman of the Board of North American Electric Reliability Council and a director of American Superconductor Corporation (Boston) (energy), as well as a former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Hydro-Québec. He is a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of University Laval. Mr. Drouin is an Officer of the Order of Canada and Honorary Consul of Great Britain in Quebec.

Stephen Kakfwi, from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories was elected as Premier of the 14th Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories on January 17, 2000. First elected in 1987, he served in Cabinet for twelve years. Mr. Kakfwi has held portfolios in Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development, Education, Housing, Safety and Public Services, Aboriginal Rights, Personnel, Workers' Compensation Board and Justice. He previously served as the President of the Dene Nation from 1983 to 1987. Mr. Kakfwi organized and hosted the Papal visit of Pope John Paul II to Fort Simpson in 1987 on behalf of all the National Aboriginal organizations of Canada.

David Kerr, from Toronto, Ontario, has held an executive position with Noranda Inc. since 1986 and is currently Chairman. He is a former Vice-chair of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and former Chair of the International Council on Mining and Metals. Mr. Kerr is also active in his community as Chair of the Toronto Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation and with the United Way of Toronto, the Canadian Special Olympics, the Schulich School of Business and the Manning Awards for Innovation. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from McGill University in 1965 and his C.A. in 1969.

Manon Laporte, from Fleurimont, Québec, has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of Enviro-Access since its inception in 1993. As such, she coordinates the work of all personnel in the Quebec office. She had

previously established her own international development company, before being named to the post of Industrial Commissioner responsible for technologial development and international canvassing, for the Société de développement économique de la région sherbrookoise. She has worked for over 15 years in the technological development sector.

Audrey McLaughlin, LLD, P.C., O.C., from Whitehorse, Yukon, was the Federal Member of Parliament for Yukon, from 1987 to 1997. She served as Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada from 1989 to 1995, the first woman elected to lead a federal party in Canada. Most recently she worked in Morocco as the Director of Political Party Programs for the National Democratic Institute. In Whitehorse, Yukon, she operated a consulting business, specializing in community development, research, education and aboriginal issues.

Dee Parkinson-Marcoux, of Gibsons, British Columbia, is currently a Director on the Boards of SNC Lavalin Inc. and Placer Dome Inc, and chairs the committees responsible for environment on both of these boards. She also serves as a director on the Sustainable Development Technology Canada (STDC) and Ensyn Energy Corp. She has over 25 years experience working as an executive for such companies as Imperial Oil Ltd., PetroCanada, Ontario Hydro, Suncor, CS Resources and Gulf. She is best known for leading change and for the transformation of Suncor Oil Sands Group from being a marginal operation to a highly profitable business. Ms. Parkinson-Marcoux was educated at Queen's University, graduating with an engineering degree in 1970 and a Masters of Business Administration in 1976; she received a Honourary Ph.D. in 1997.

Darren Allan Riggs, from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, has been Marketing and Sales Manager for Superior Sanitation Services Ltd. since 1991. In his role, he has established several recycling and waste hauling programs including Commercial Cardboard Separation, Prince Edward Island Liquor Commission Recycling Program and the separation and reuse of building and construction materials from the Confederation Bridge. Mr. Riggs is also Vice President of the Queens Country, Prince Edward Island Wildlife Federation and Treasurer of the Island Nature Trust. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Prince Edward Island in 1986.

Robert Schad, from Toronto, Ontario, is the Founder, President and CEO of Husky Injection Molding Systems Ltd, a world leading supplier of injection molding equipment and service to the plastics industry. Mr. Schad is involved with the Schad Foundation, which supports projects focussed on solutions to environmental problems. He also launched Earth Rangers, a program that teaches school children about wildlife and environmental responsibility.

Sheila Watt-Cloutier is originally from Kuujjuaq, Nunavik, Northern Quebec. Before being elected as Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference in 2002, she headed the Canadian Branch of the organization. Ms. Watt-Cloutier is recognized for her untiring efforts on behalf on Arctic indigenous peoples and, in particular, the Inuit of the North. She champions many critical contemporary issues including Persistent Organic Pollutants, sustainable development, traditional ecological knowledge, northern education and the impact of climate change on northern regions among others. Ms. Watt-Cloutier oversaw the administration of the Inuit land-claims body established under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement as Corporate Secretary of Makivik from 1995 to 1998.

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